

# Louisiana's Ambient Air Monitoring Program

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#### Clean Air Act of 1990



 Federal Law established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

 State Agencies (Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality) carry out the Act



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- Criteria Pollutants National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
- Permissible Levels (Primary Standard and Secondary Standard)
- Attainment vs. Non-Attainment Areas and Classifications

State Implementation Plan (SIP)





#### NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (NAAQS)

### CRITERIA POLLUTANTS

- 1. Ozone
- 2. Particulate Matter
- 3. Sulfur Dioxide
- 4. Nitrogen Dioxide
- 5. Lead
- 6. Carbon Monoxide

These standards are designed to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety.



#### NATIONAL AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (NAAQS)



Pollutant	Primary / Secondary	Averaging Time	Level	Form	Attainment Status
Carbon Monoxide	Primary	8 - hour 1 - hour	9ppm 35 ppm	Not to be exceeded more than once per year	Attainment
Lead	Primary and Secondary	Rolling 3 month average	0.15 μg/m³	Not to be exceeded	Attainment
Nitrogen Dioxide	Primary Primary and Secondary	1 - hour Annual	100 ppb 53 ppb	90th percentile, averaged over 3 years Annual Mean	Attainment
Ozone	Primary and Secondary	8 - hour	0.070 ppm	Annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour concentration averaged over 3 years	Attainment
Particle Pollution PM2.5	Primary Secondary Primary and Secondary	Annual 24-hour	12.0 μg/m³ 15.0 μg/m³ 35.0 μg/m³	Annual Mean averaged over three years  98th percentile, averaged over three years	Attainment
Particle Pollution PM10	Primary and Secondary	24 - hour	150 μg/m³	Not to be exceeded more than once per year on average over three years	Attainment
Sulfur Dioxide	Primary Second	1 - hour 3 - hour	75 ppb 0.5 ppm	99th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations averaged over three years  Not to be exceeded more than once per year	Non- Attainment for St. Bernard Parish only



#### **Air Quality Index**





	AQI Values	Air Quality	Protect Your Health
	0-50	Good	No health impacts are expected when air quality is in this range.
	51-100	Moderate	Unusually sensitive people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion.
	101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
	151-200	Unhealthy	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion; everyone else, especially children, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
١	201-300	Very Unhealthy	Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should avoid all outdoor exertion; everyone else, especially children, should limit outdoor exertion.

#### **Why Monitor Air Quality?**



- To keep communities informed about their local air quality
- To find out where air quality needs to be improved
- To determine whether efforts to improve air quality are working
- To understand how air pollution may affect human health and the environment

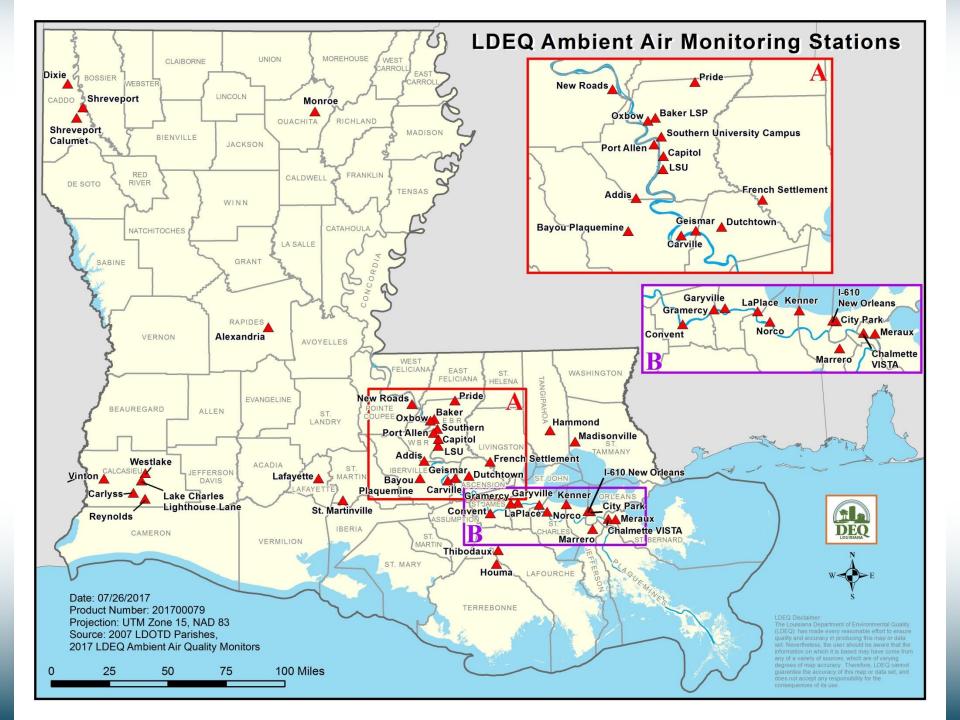




#### LDEQ Air Monitoring Network

Air Monitoring Station Data Logger AirVision Database

EPA AirNow Website, LDEQ Website, Employee PCs



#### **Air Monitoring Station**





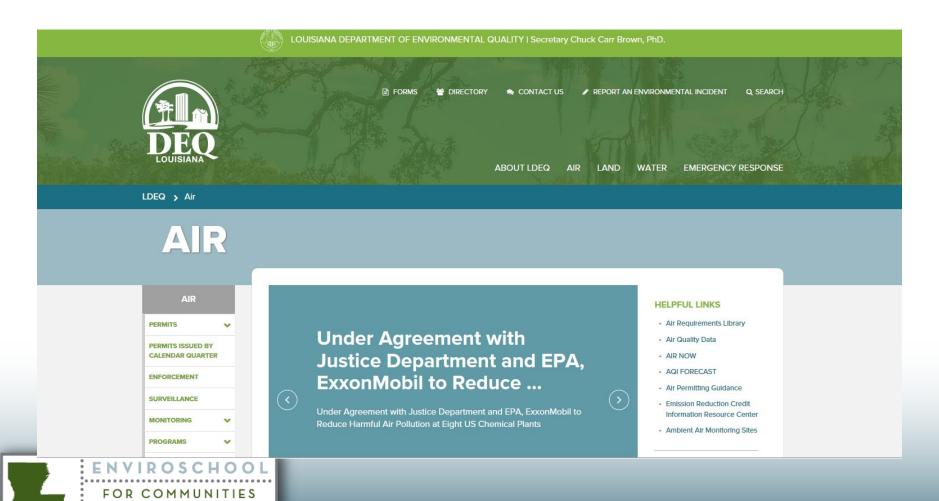


#### Inside Air Monitoring Station LOUISIANA



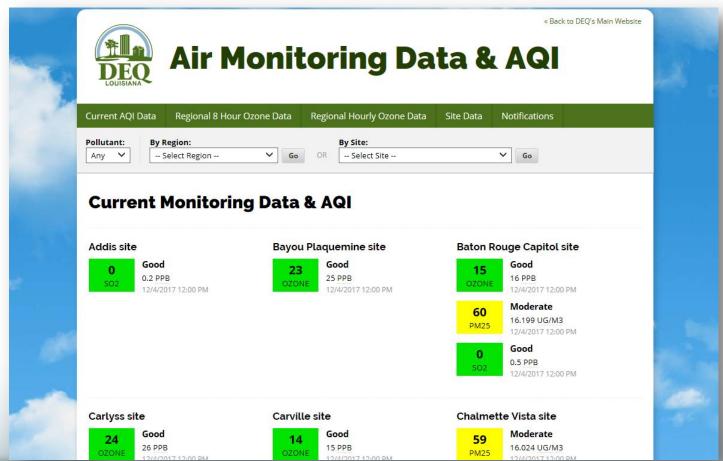


## Access to Air Quality Data <a href="http://deq.louisiana.gov/subhome/air">http://deq.louisiana.gov/subhome/air</a>



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HELPFUL LINKS

Air Quality Data

AQI FORECAST

AIR NOW

Air Requirements Library

Air Permitting Guidance

Emission Reduction Credit

Information Resource Center

Ambient Air Monitoring Sites

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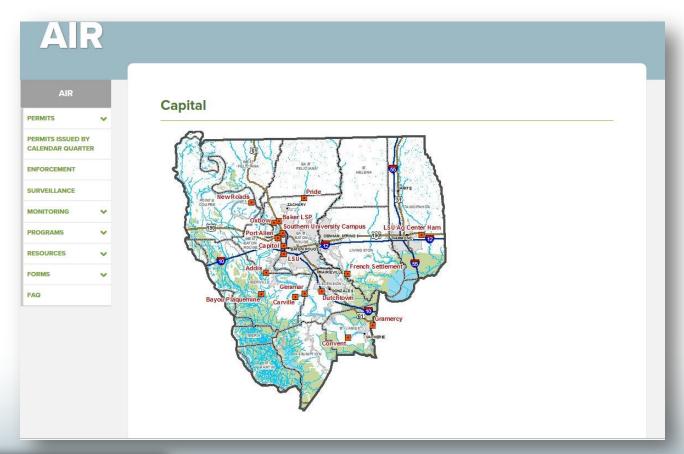






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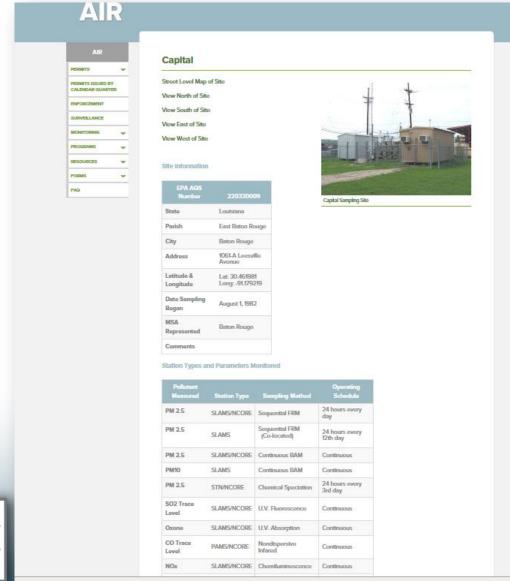
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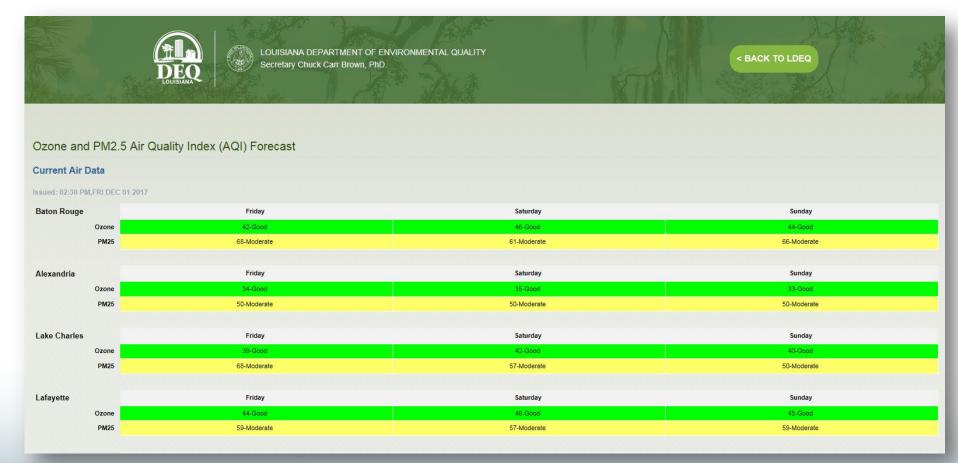






## Access to Air Quality Data Air Quality Forecast







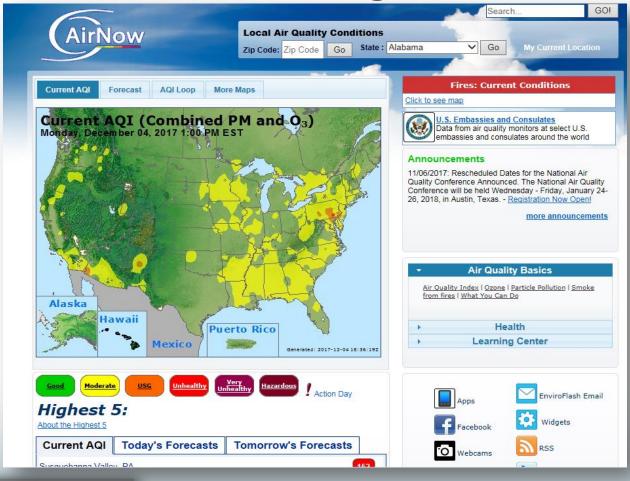
#### **Data Analysis Group**



- The data are analyzed and validated by the Data Analysis Group.
- Once validated the data sets are sent to the EPA database called AQS or Air Quality System.
- These data sets populate what you will see on the EPA's national air quality page AirNow at:
- www.airnow.gov
- Many other agencies then use these data sets for multiple applications.



Access to Air Quality Data @ EPA





#### **Questions?**



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